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## **OLDEST HOUSE MECCA OF FAIRBANKS FAMILY**

### **300th Anniversary Will Be Observed Wednesday**

DEDHAM (P)—A human chain of descendants will encircle the Fairbanks homestead, claimed to be the oldest in America, Wednesday on the 300th anniversary of its construction by Jonathan Fairbanks.

From every state in the Union, Hawaii, Alaska and Mexico, 800 of the 1200 members of the Fairbanks family in America are expected to gather at the ancient structure for the 34th annual meeting of the clan. Last year 500 attended.

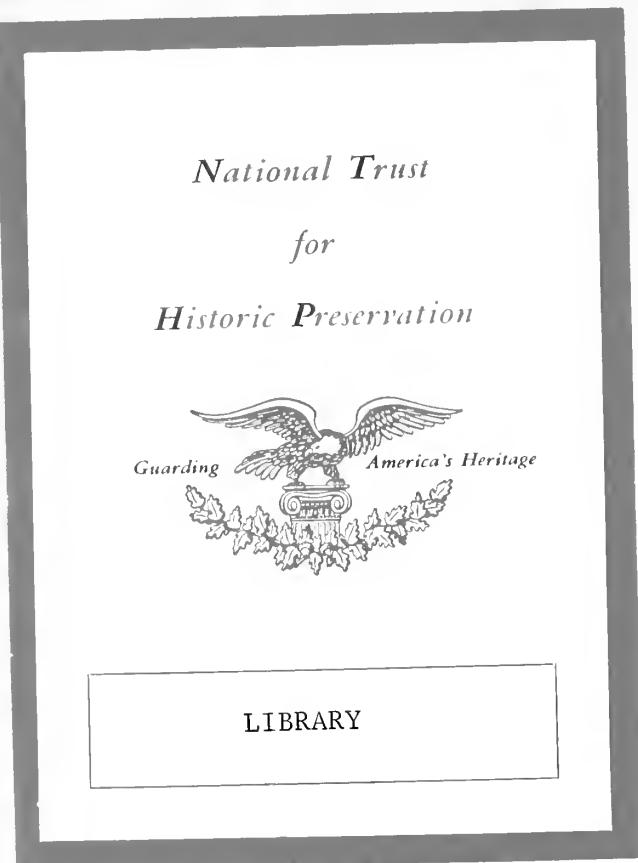
Never encumbered by mortgage, the low rambling structure, recorded by the American Museums, Inc., at Washington, as the "oldest house in the country," was built by Jonathan Fairbanks in 1636. Three years before he had arrived in Boston from England with his wife, four sons and two daughters.

The house was built of massive oak, imported from England.

Through eight generations, dating from John, the first heir, the house remained in the family, but in the early 1890's Rebecca Fairbanks, then sole owner, moved to Boston after lightning struck the building and killed her favorite cat. Later she sold it for \$7500.

Through the efforts of Mrs. Nelson V. Titus of Dedham the Fairbanks family regained possession. The house was going to ruin and she urged members of the family who had settled elsewhere to act. They responded generously.

They formed the family association in 1901, and two years later bought and repaired the ancestral home.



...nstant. Since the success of representative government depends almost as much upon the party in opposition as upon the party in power, a strong opposition party is not only a welcome thing for the country, but can even be applauded by the party in power as a present help. Few Republican senators made themselves conspicuous in the 74th Congress by a capacity for leadership; few took advantage of the opportunities afforded to them by the mistakes of the New Deal administration; few were able to make even a passable showing as debaters on the public weal.

It is doubly important, then, that voters who have the opportunity next November of electing an able and aggressive Republican to the Senate should seize the opportunity and refuse to listen to the counsel of despair or nihilism. It is emphatically not true that it is useless to elect Republican candidates this year because the Senate is impregnably Democratic, for with its rules of procedure the Senate provides opportunities for a minority party of one man to make his views known. The poor record of Republican senators—with a few obvious exceptions—in the 74th Congress makes it all the more important that the Republican minority in the next Senate should be larger and more articulate. The election of Governor Landon would breathe new life into some of the continuing Republican members of the Senate, but that new life would consist mainly of hope. What is needed on the Republican side of the Senate is new blood as well as new life.—NEW YORK SUN.

#### MENACE OF FAMINE

Tammanyized new dealers see in the drought what they gleefully call another "Roosevelt break of luck." The victims of the hot winds are not so gleeful. They can't seem to find politics in plain misery. Nor can they forget the menace of famine that goes with drought and coercive crop curtailment under quack political policies.—LAFAYETTE JOURNAL & COURIER.

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from  
Dana and Esther

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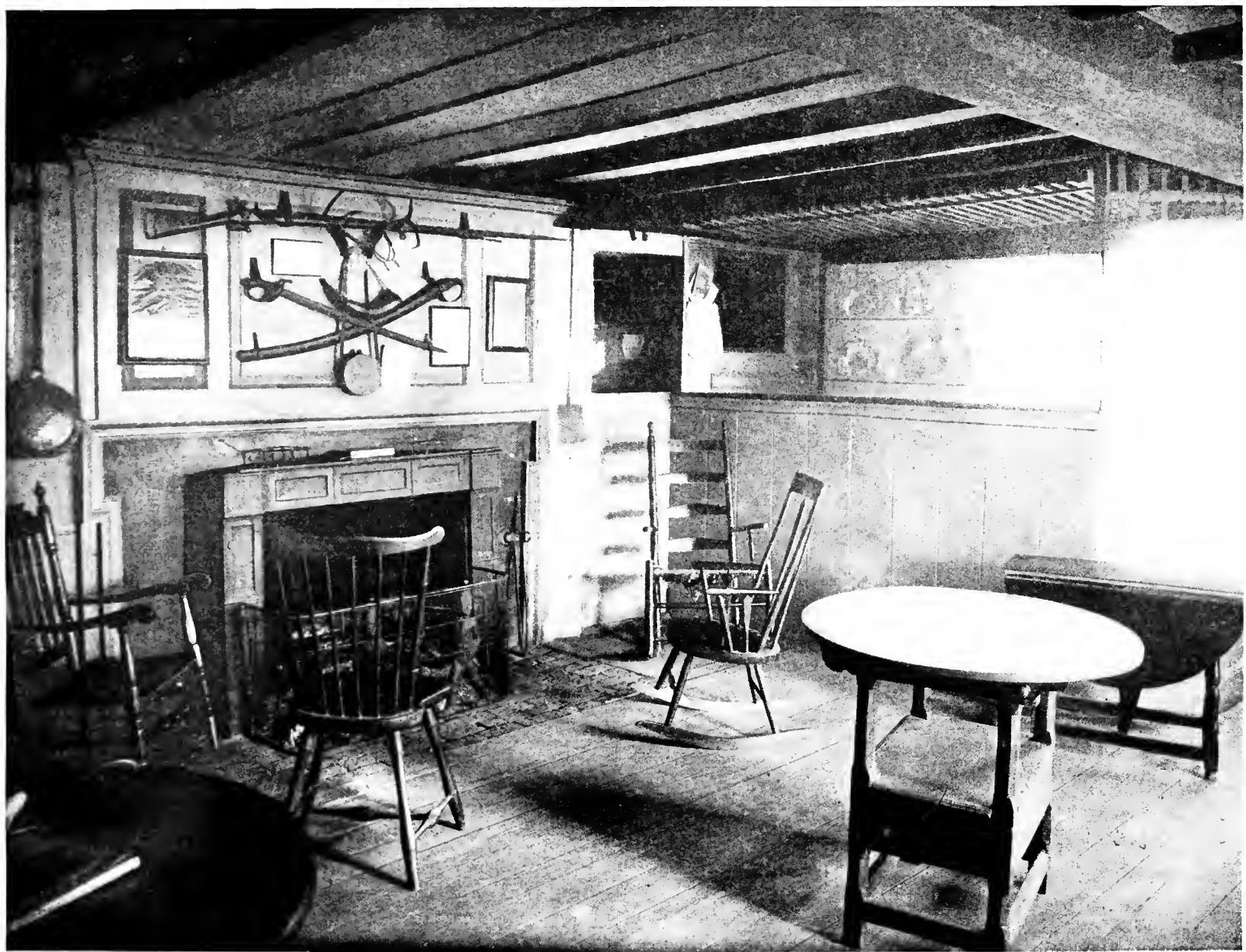
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Where First Were Heard the "Tales of a Wayside Inn."





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THE PAGE HOUSE—DANVERS, MASSACHUSETTS.  
Here a Famous Tea Party Was Held on the Roof in Revolutionary Times.





KING-HOOPER HOUSE--DANVERS, MASSACHUSETTS.  
The Home of Governor Gage in 1774.





HOME OF REBECCA NURSE, DANVERS, MASSACHUSETTS.  
She Was Executed as a Witch in Salem in 1692.





BIRTHPLACE OF GENERAL ISRAEL PUTNAM—DANVERS, MASSACHUSETTS.





HOME OF ANNE BRADSTREET—ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS.  
Wife of Governor Bradstreet.





THE ABBOTT HOUSE—ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS.





CLARK-HANCOCK HOUSE—LEXINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS.  
Here John Hancock and Samuel Adams Were Sleeping the Night Before the  
Battle of Lexington.





KITCHEN, CLARK-HANCOCK HOUSE—LEXINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS.





BED ROOM OF THE CLARK-HANCOCK HOUSE—LEXINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS.





"HOUSE OF SEVEN GABLES"—SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS.  
This Is the Original of Nathaniel Hawthorne's Story.





JOHONNET-NICHOLS HOUSE—SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS.  
This Is Considered Mackintire's Masterpiece.





EMMERTON HOUSE—SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS.





CUSTOM HOUSE—SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS.  
Here Nathaniel Hawthorne Served as Surveyor of the Port.





ANDREWS-SAFFORD HOUSE—SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS.





SALEM CLUB—SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS.





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THE RAY HOUSE—DEERFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS.





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He Was Killed at the Battle of Concord Bridge.





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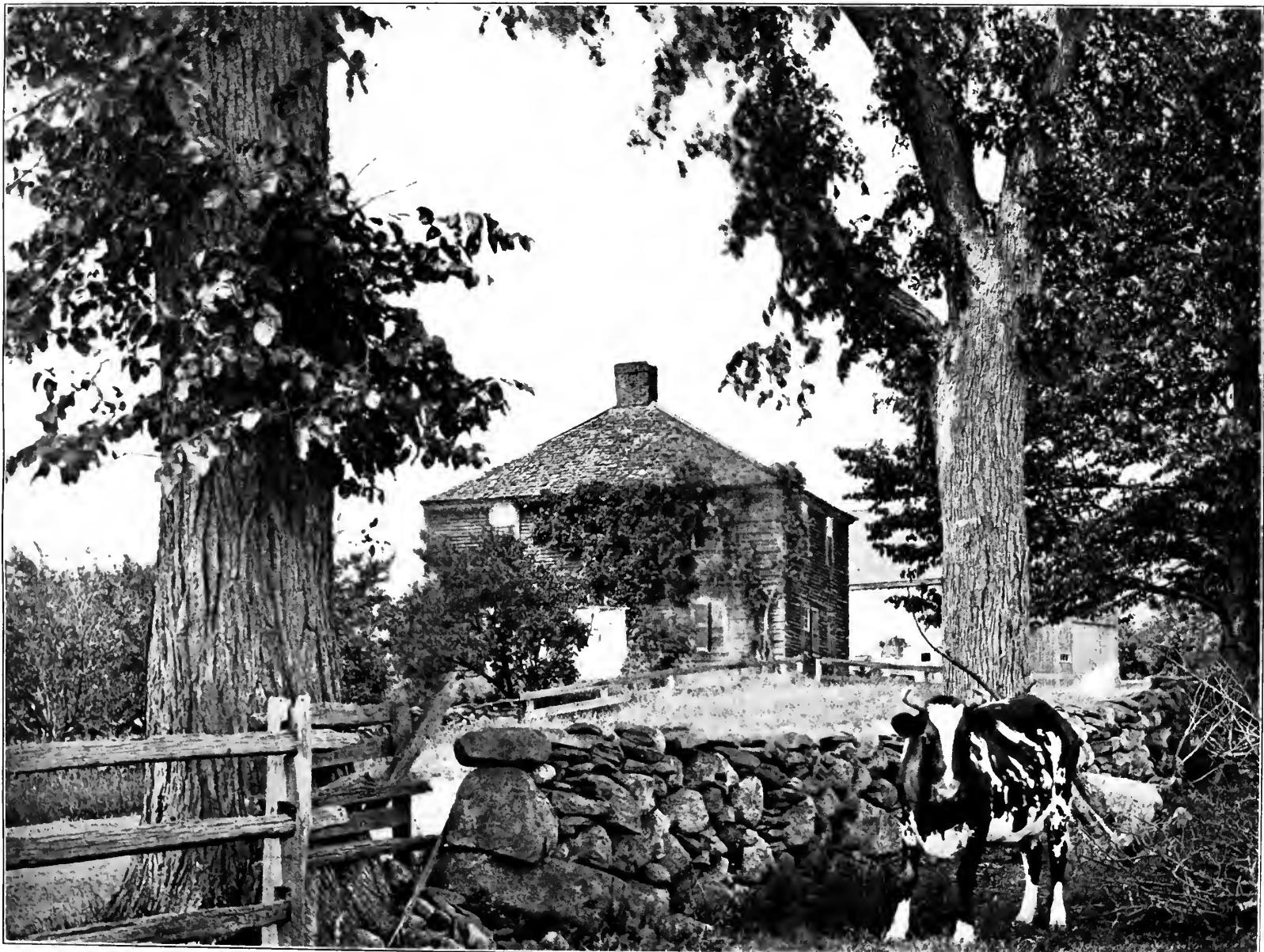
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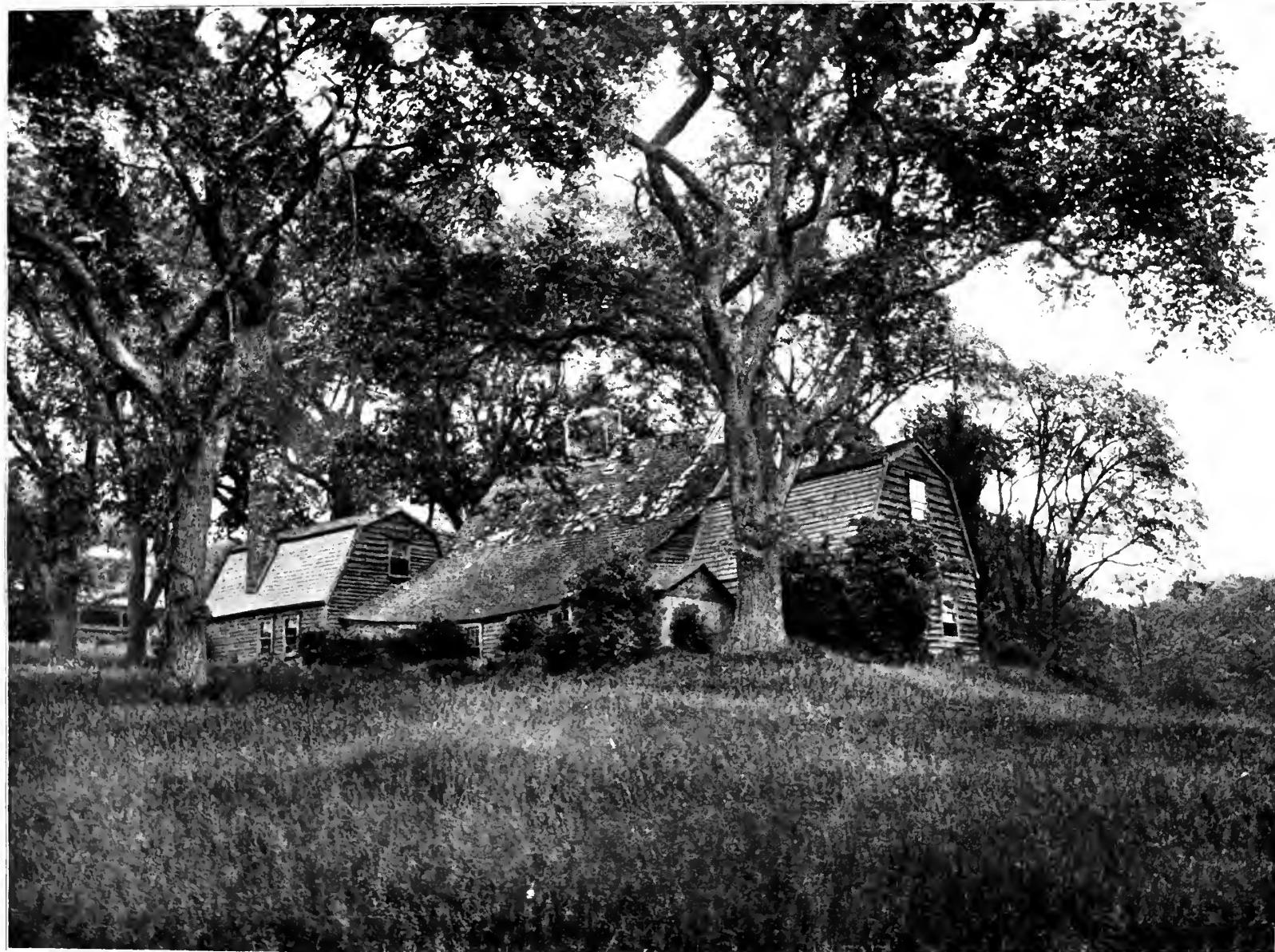
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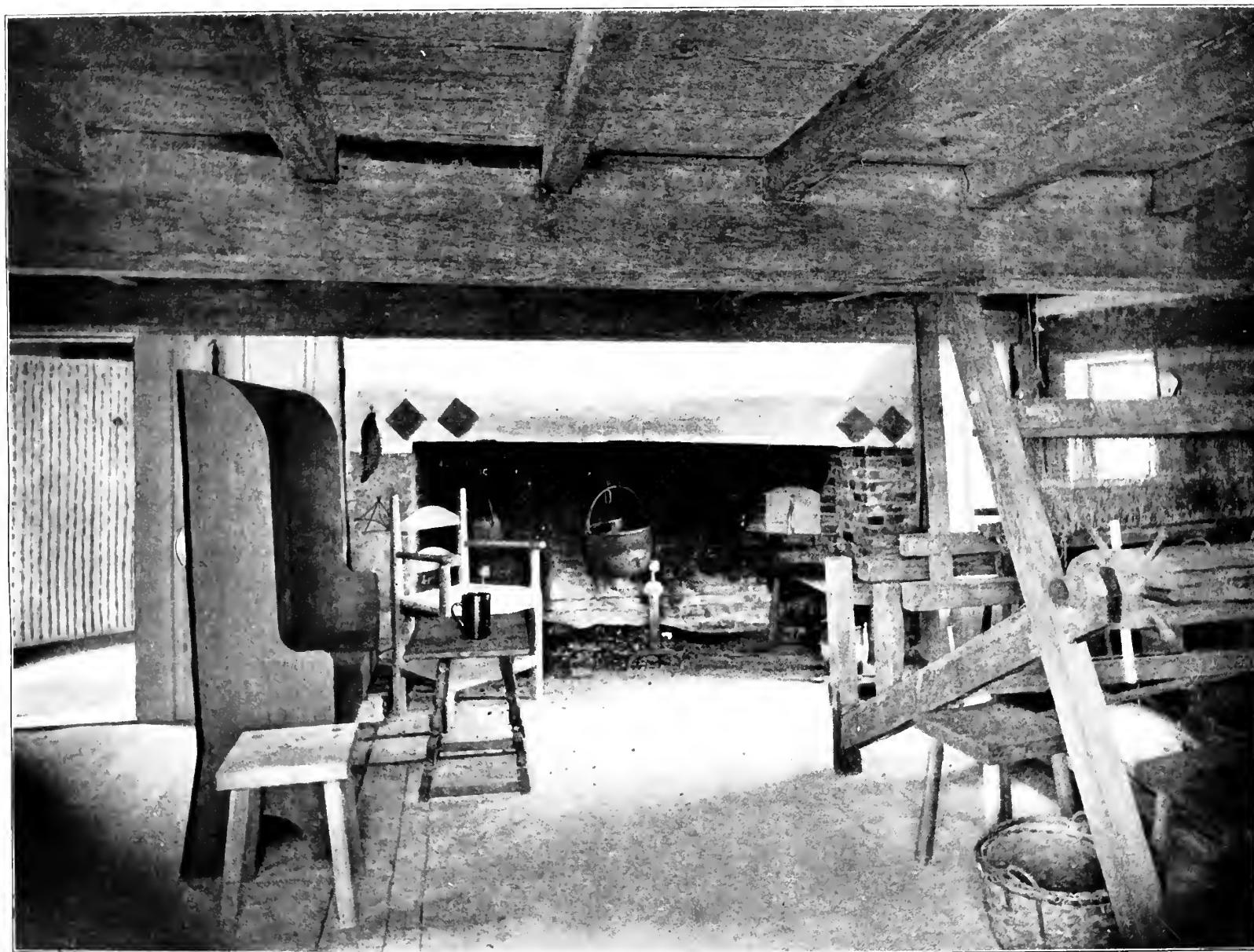
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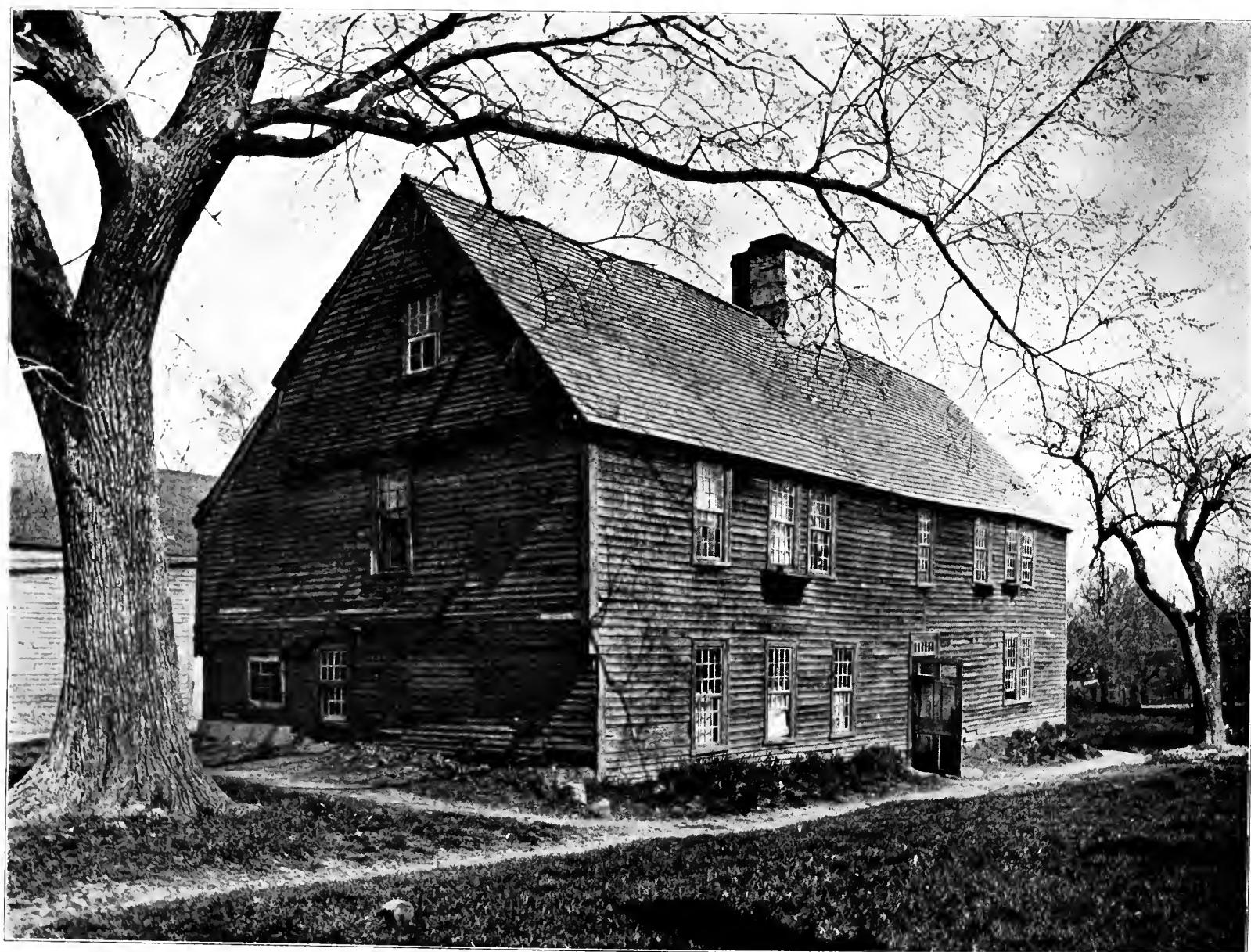
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THE HARRINGTON HOUSE—LEXINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS.  
Home of One of the Lexington Minute Men.





BUCKMAN TAVERN—LEXINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS.  
Meeting Place of the Minute Men.





MUNROE TAVERN—LEXINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS.  
Headquarters of Earl Percy on the Day of the Battle of Lexington.





OLD BELFRY—LEXINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS.  
From this Belfry the Alarm Was Rung the Day of the Battle of Lexington.





LOWELL HOUSE

HOME OF JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL—CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS.





HOLMES HOUSE.

BIRTHPLACE OF OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES—CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS.

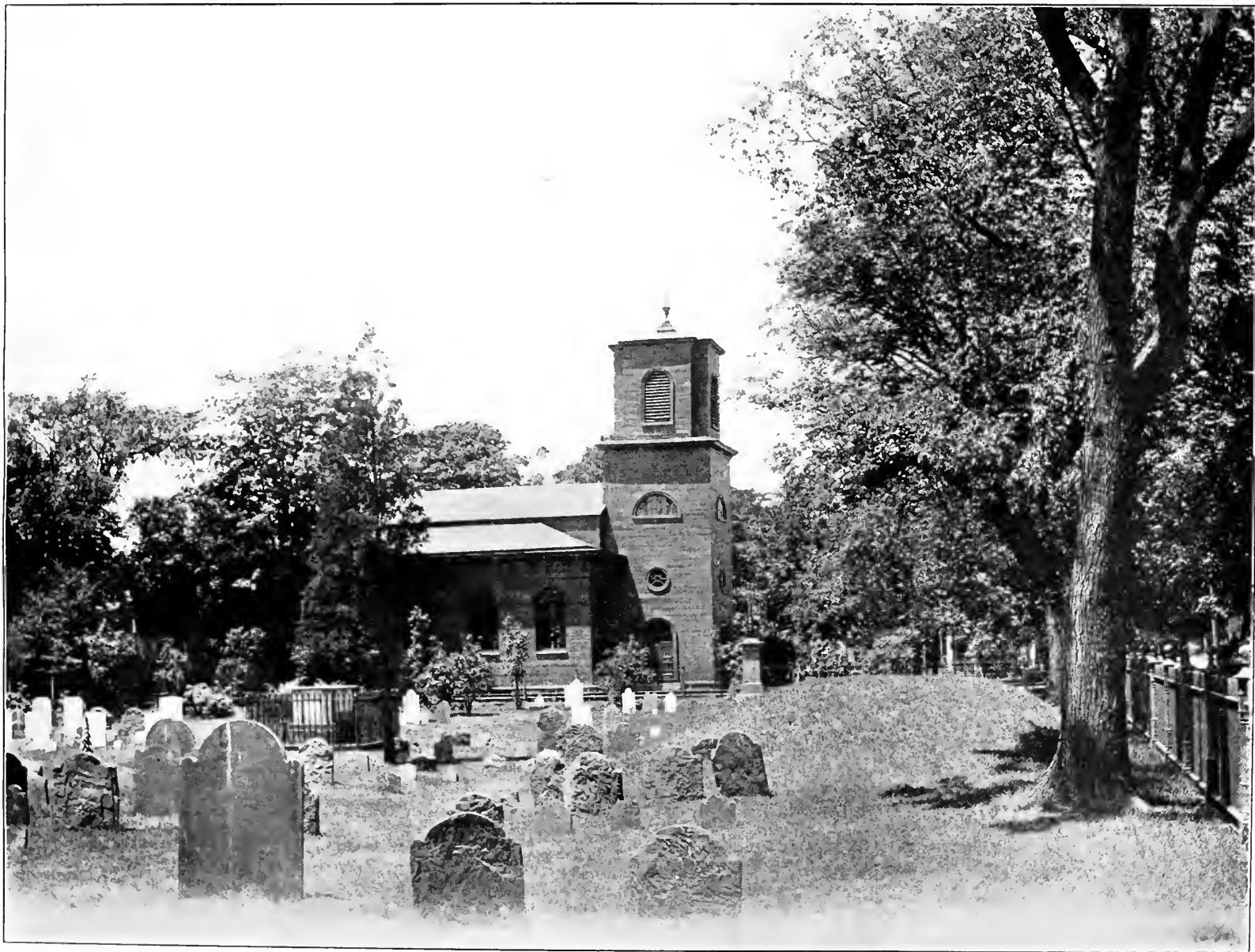




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HOME OF HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW—CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS.





CHRIST CHURCH—CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS.  
Here Washington Worshipped. In Front Stands the Elm Under which He  
Took Command of the American Army in 1776.





THE LEE MANSION—MARBLEHEAD, MASSACHUSETTS.





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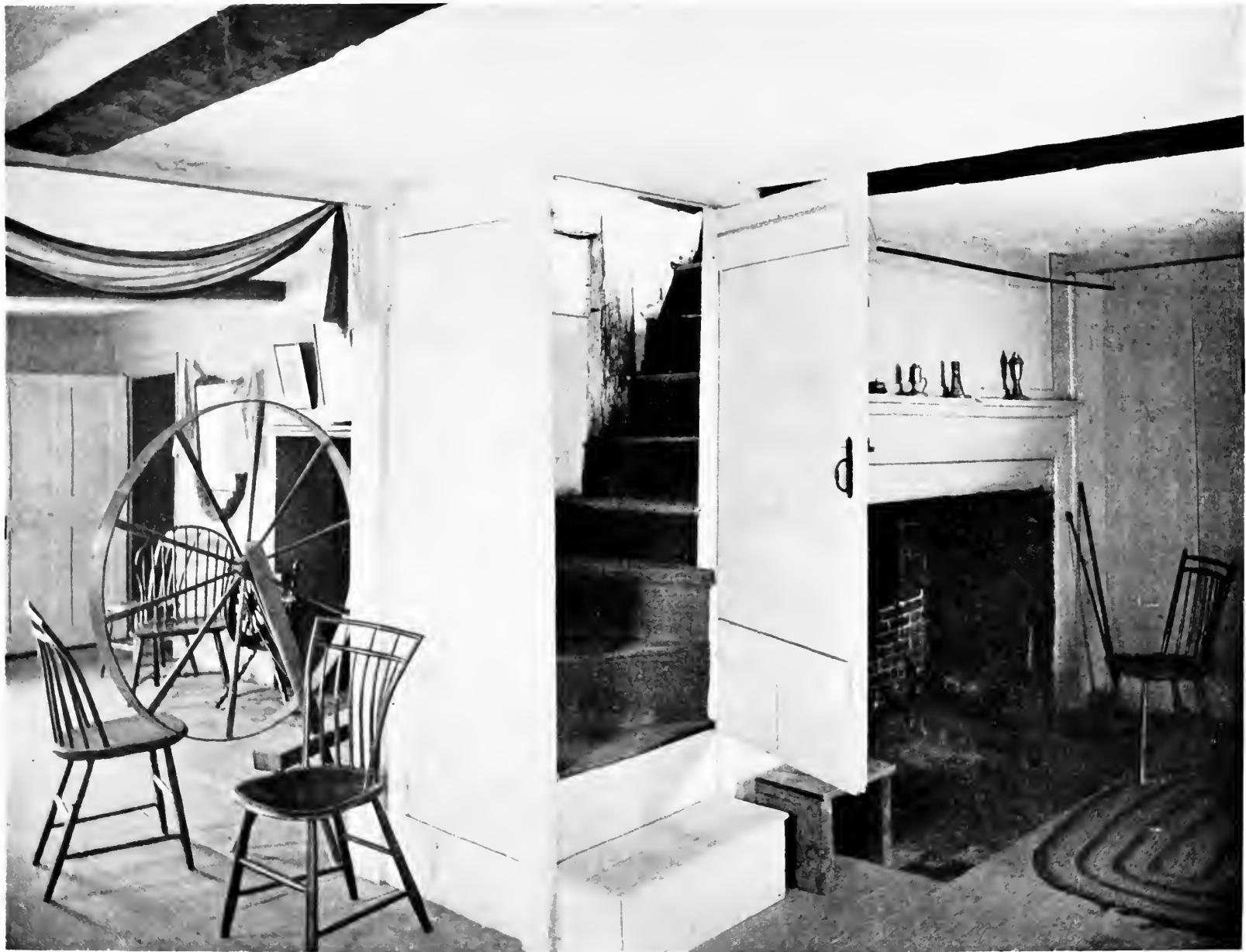
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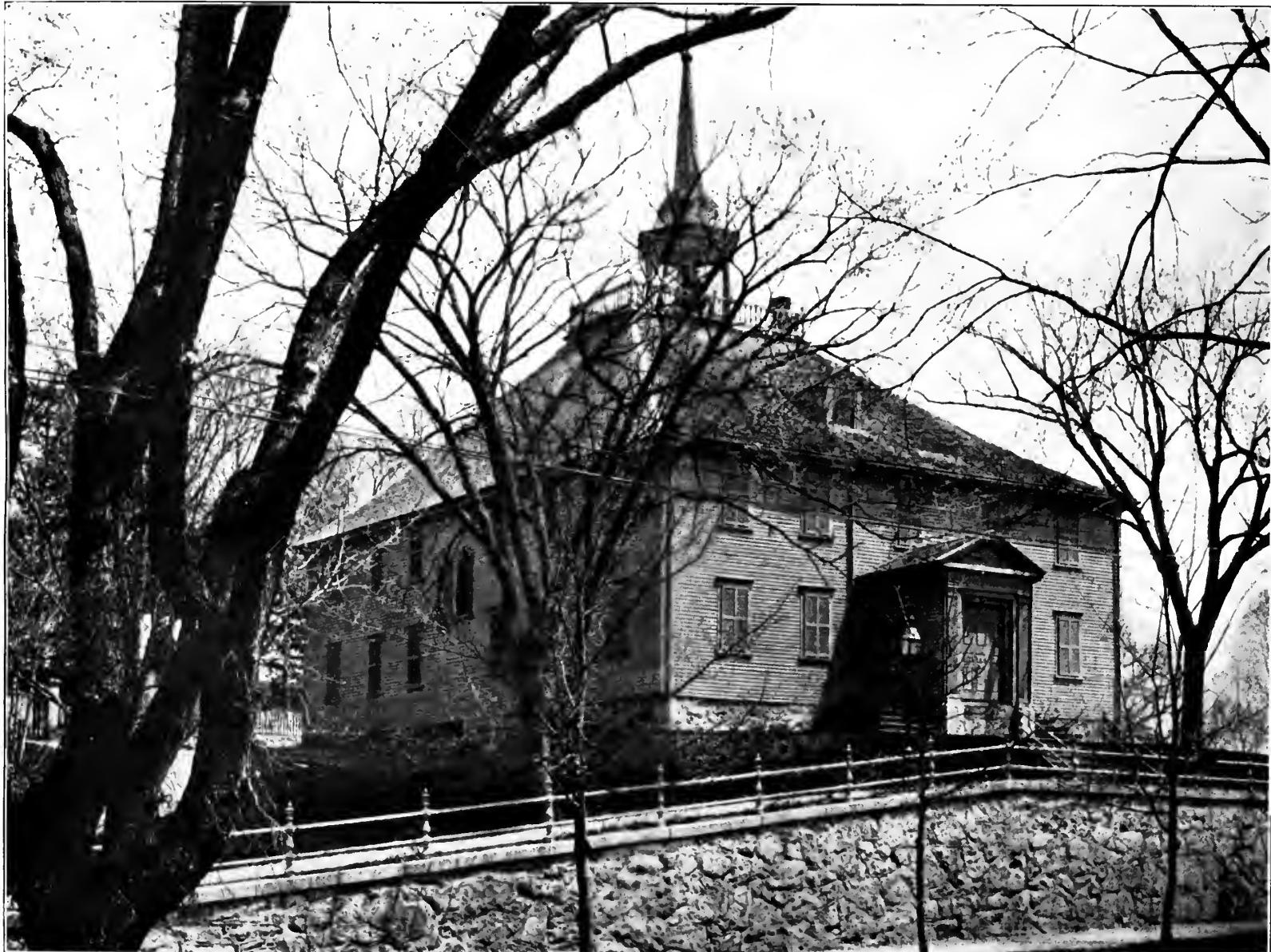
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SHIP CHURCH—HINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS.  
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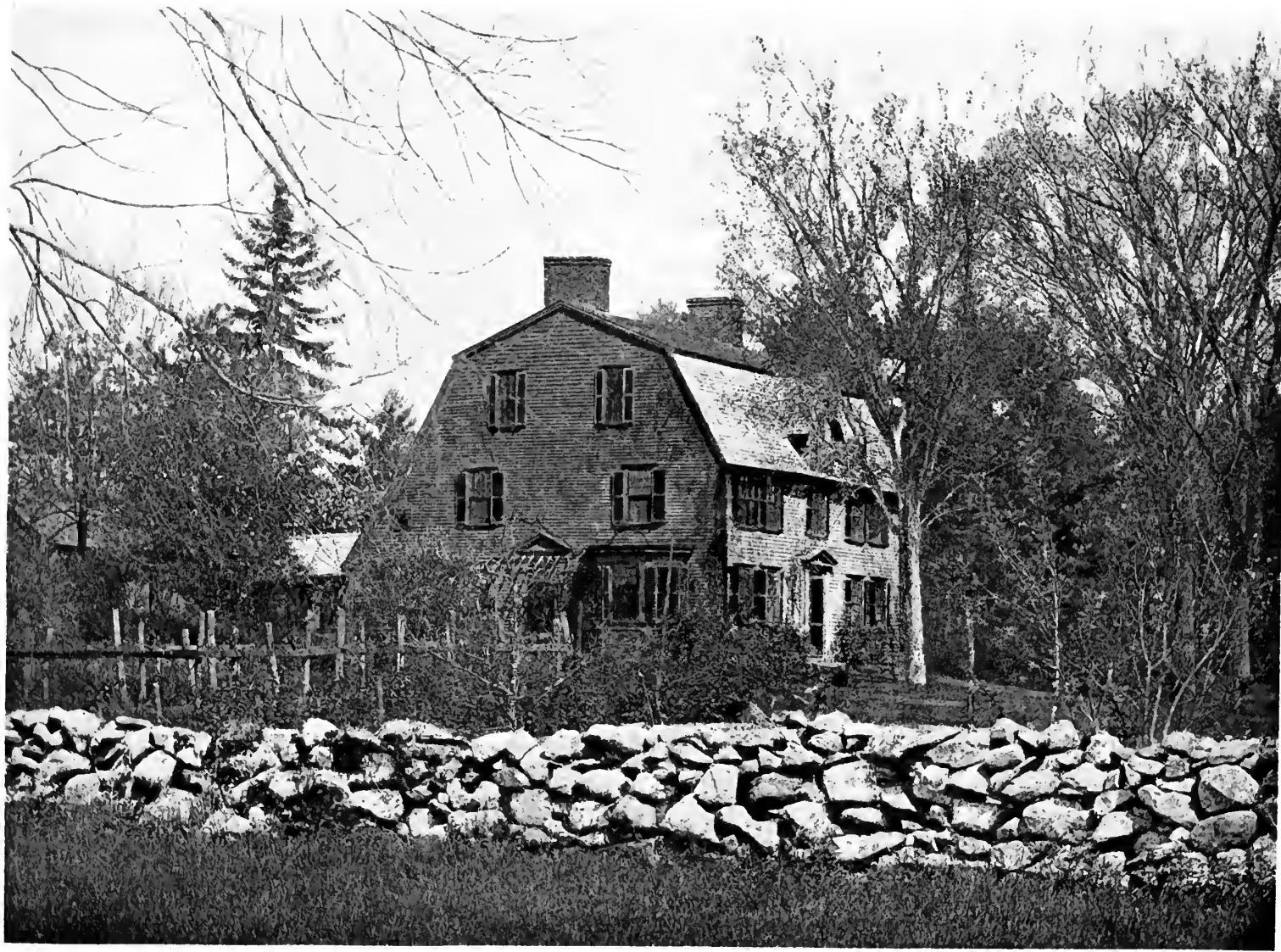
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Here the British and Minute Men Met the Day of the Concord Fight, April 19, 1775.





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THE OLD MANSE—CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS.  
Here Was Written Nathaniel Hawthorne's "Mosses from an Old Manse."





HOME OF RALPH WALDO EMERSON—CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS.





HOME OF EPHRAIM BULL—CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS.  
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THE HOSMER HOUSE—CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS.





ORCHARD HOUSE—CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS.  
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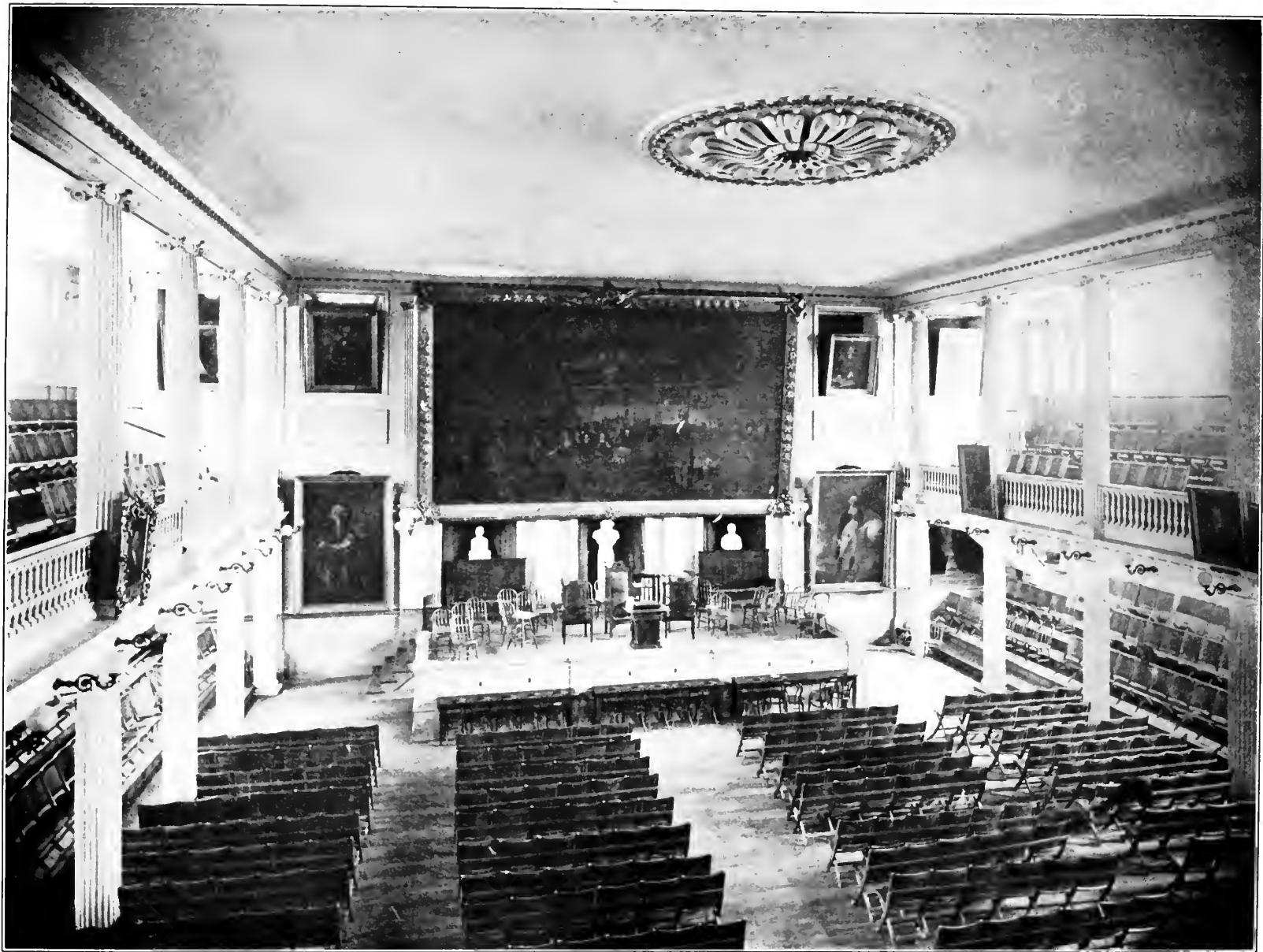
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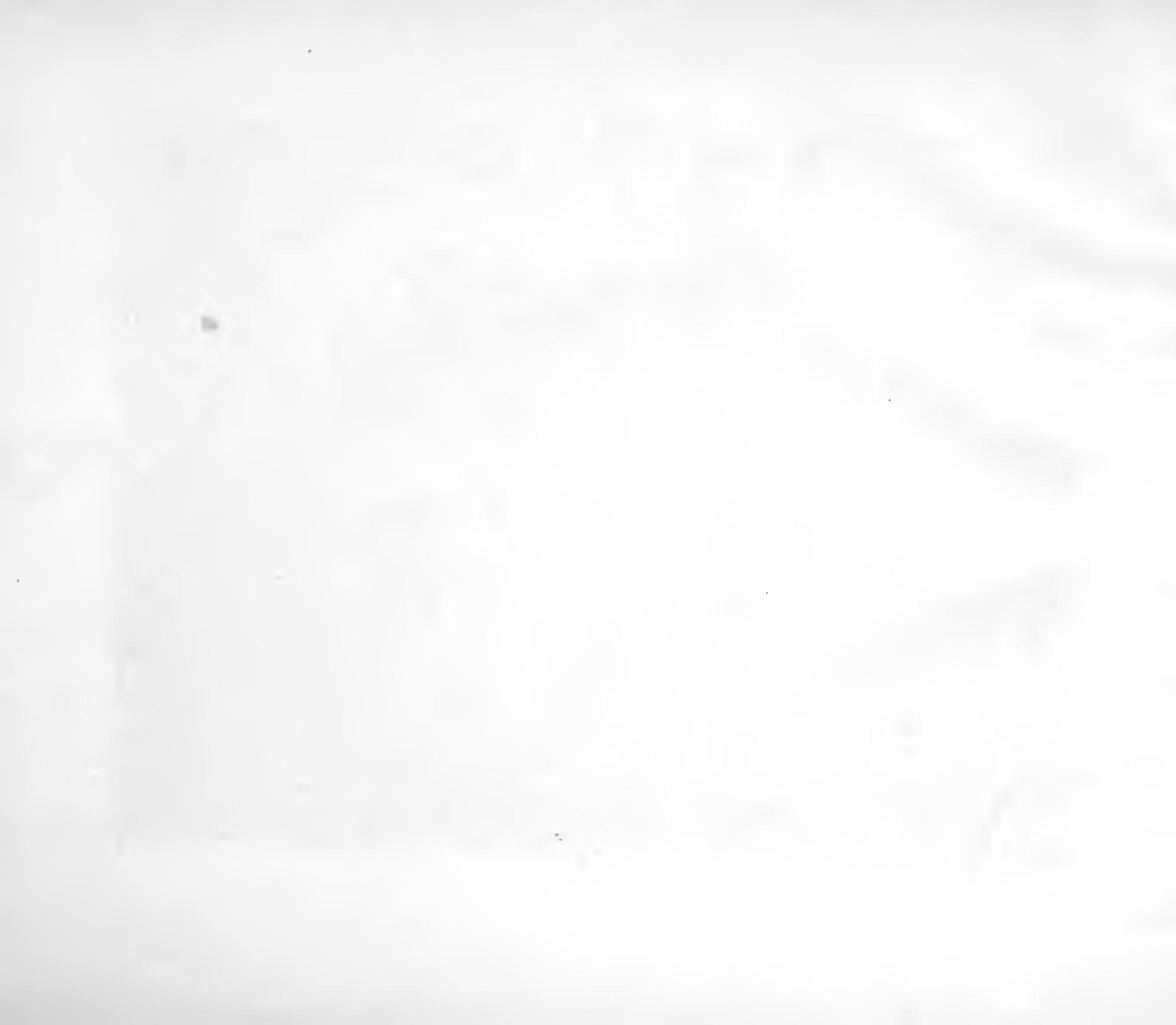


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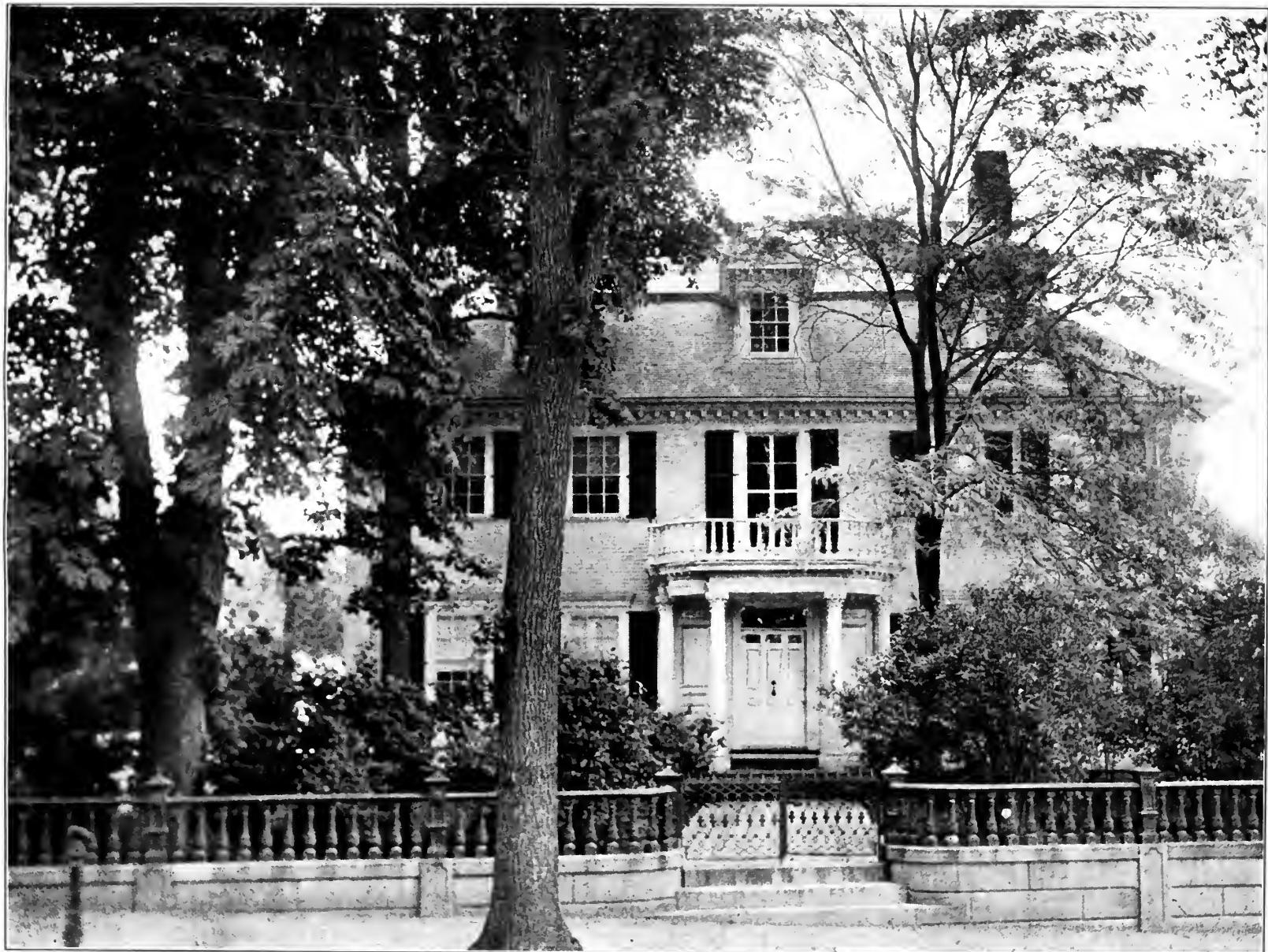
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THE WARNER HOUSE—PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE.  
The Lightning Rod on the Side of this House Was Placed there by Benjamin Franklin.





FORT McCLARY—KITTERY, MAINE.





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